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## 2012 Urban Deer Archery Hunt Mid-Season Numbers More than Double 2011 Results

*Administrators are predicting numbers may reach 120-140 deer harvested by year's end.*

MORGANTOWN – Organizers for the Urban Deer Archery Hunt are reporting mid-season numbers for 2012, and say that registered archers have harvested nearly 100 deer in this year's hunt.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Urban Deer Archery Hunt runs September 8<sup>th</sup> to December 31, 2012. It allows 77 archers the chance to harvest 7 antlered and antlerless deer (bucks and does) within designated hunting areas within the city. Archers are given the option to donate their kill to Backwoods Taxidermy, who processes it and passes it on to local shelters and food pantries.



Rick Bebout, Volunteer Coordinator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Urban Deer Archery Hunt, reports on the Morgantown Urban Archers Facebook group that there is a huge increase in the amount of venison donated from the hunt this year. As of a second delivery on October 23, 1,286 pounds of ground meat had been delivered to three kitchens and the Ronald McDonald House.

The shelters and kitchens will be able to use this ground deer in hot meals. It is not intended to be given out, like canned food often is.

Bebout says that most of the hunting activity for the 2012 season has likely passed, now that colder weather is here and the holidays are on the way. He anticipates anywhere from 120-140 deer in a final count.

An end-of-season outcome, including the total amount of venison donated for charitable purposes, will be presented to City Council at the January 29, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

You can find more information about the hunt on the Urban Deer page, under Residents, on [MorgantownWV.gov](http://MorgantownWV.gov), or on the [Morgantown Urban Archers](https://www.facebook.com/MorgantownUrbanArchers) Facebook page.

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